

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following paragraph after line 15 on page 2.

--Brief Description of the Drawings

- Figure 1: pMAK705 Δ pckA (= pMAK705deltapckA)
- Figure 2: pMAK705 Δ yjfA (= pMAK705deltayjfA)
- Figure 3: pMW218gdhA
- Figure 4: pMW219rhtC
- Figure 5: pMAK705 Δ 90bp (= pMAK705 delta90bp)

The length data are to be understood as approximate date. The abbreviations and designations used have the following meaning:

- cat: Chloramphenicol resistance gene
- rep-ts: Temperature-sensitive replication region of the plasmid pSC101
- pck1: Part of the 5' region of the pckA gene
- pck2: Part of the 3' region of the pckA gene
- ytfP'-yjfA': DNA sequence containing truncated coding regions of ytfP and yjfA
- kan: Kanamycin resistance gene
- gdhA: Glutamate dehydrogenase gene
- rhtC: Threonine resistance-imparting gene

The abbreviations for the restriction enzymes have the following meaning

- BamHI restriction endonuclease from *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens*

- BglIII: restriction endonuclease from *Bacillus globigii*
- ClaI: restriction endonuclease from *Caryphanon latum*
- EcoRI: restriction endonuclease from *Escherichia coli*
- EcoRV: restriction endonuclease from *Escherichia coli*
- HindIII: restriction endonuclease from *Haemophilus influenzae*
- KpnI: restriction endonuclease from *Klebsiella pneumoniae*
- PstI: restriction endonuclease from *Providencia stuartii*
- PvuI: restriction endonuclease from *Proteus vulgaris*
- SacI: restriction endonuclease from *Streptomyces achromogenes*
- SalI: restriction endonuclease from *Streptomyces albus*
- SmaI: restriction endonuclease form *Serratia marcescens*
- XbaI: restriction endonuclease from *Xanthomonas badrii*
- XhoI: restriction endonuclease from *Xanthomonas holcicola--*

On page 33 of the specification, please delete the spaces between lines 12 and 32.

Please delete the Brief Description of the Figures from line 3, page 36 to line 2, page 38.